



NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

In New York, prices were unchanged on all sizes when compared to last Friday. Elsewhere, weekly prices were unchanged from the previous week's values. The market tone was steady. Demand was slow to at times good, best in areas where promotions were a factor. Supplies were adequate to available, instances ample. Breaking stock offerings ranged limited to sufficient for the light to moderate demand. Light type fowl were at least adequate for a fair to fairly good demand.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A. WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS. DELIVERED WAREHOUSE. CENTS PER DOZEN.

MIDWEST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment continued steady. Retail demand was slow to moderate and best into areas with scattered features. Food service movement was usually light. Supplies were adequate to ample as graders held inventories for the upcoming Easter holiday rush. Central States breaking stock prices ranged unchanged. Offerings were tight to adequate with demand mostly moderate. Floor stocks tight to balanced. Schedules varied. Trade sentiment steady to fully steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY	IA-MN-WI-Prices paid to producers.		
			RANGE		MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	66-75	69-72	LARGE	47-56	51
LARGE	65-74	67-70	MEDIUM	24-30	28
MEDIUM	42-51	44-47	SMALL	7-11	

MIDWEST AREA: IA, IL, IN, KY, MI, MN, OH, NE, ND, SD, WI, WV, Western NY, and Western PA

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged on all sizes. Trade sentiment was steady. Retail and distributive demand was occasionally light to mostly moderate. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate for trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were limited for the light to moderate demand. Light type hen offerings were at least adequate for normal processing schedules.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	72-86	75-79
LARGE	68-82	73-77
MEDIUM	44-57	49-51

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, eastern NJ, eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA. and VT

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL All prices unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady. Retail demand moderate to good with feature activity planned for upcoming Easter holiday period. Food service movement was moderate. Supplies were adequate to available. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offers tight to adequate for the moderate demand. Floor stocks tight to balanced. Schedules varied for this week. Trade sentiment steady to fully steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	75.5-84	77-80
LARGE	74.5-83	76-79
MEDIUM	49.5-58	51-54

SOUTH CENTRAL AREA: AR,AZ,CO,KS,LA,MO,NM,OK, and TX

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were generally unchanged on all sizes when compared to the previous week. The market tone was steady beginning the week. Retail demand was light to usually moderate. Supplies were adequate to available for present requirements. Breaking stock offerings continued limited for a moderate demand. Light type fowl were at least sufficient for the fair to fairly good demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	74.5-82	76-79
LARGE	73-80	74-77
MEDIUM	47.25-55	48-52

SOUTHEAST AREA: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, eastern TN, and southern VA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A,
WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS. DELIVERED STORE DOOR. CENTS PER DOZEN.

NEW YORK Prices were unchanged on extra large, large and medium when compared to Friday's values. Trade sentiment was generally steady entering the week. Demand into all channels ranged light to mostly moderate. Supplies were adequate to fully sufficient for current trade requirements.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	82-86
LARGE	80-84
MEDIUM	56-60

MIDWEST REGIONAL

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	73-81	74-76
LARGE	71-79	72-74
MEDIUM	48-56	49-51

see page 3 for prices on certified organic eggs in cartons

WESTERN Prices unchanged. The Pacific region inventory was 11% higher than last Monday with California up 13% and Oregon-Washington-Utah up 8%. Retailer demand light to moderate. Offerings ample.

CALIFORNIA Prices unchanged. The California inventory was 13% higher than last Monday. Retailer demand light to moderate. Offerings ample. Small benchmark price 69.

Shell egg marketer's benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

	RANGE
JUMBO	122
EXTRA LARGE	118
LARGE	112
MEDIUM	89

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA,
USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS
PER DOZEN.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA		NORTHERN CALIFORNIA	
	RANGE		RANGE
JUMBO	269-329	JUMBO	
EXTRA LARGE	249-309	EXTRA LARGE	NOT
LARGE	199-259	LARGE	AVAILABLE
MEDIUM	189-239	MEDIUM	

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending March 31, 2006 will increase by 2 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending March 24, 2006 were 337,705 cases which was 8 percent above the prior week and 7 percent above estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	292,371	45,334	337,705

% change from the prior week.....	+8	+6	+8

Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 14 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK All prices ranged unchanged. Offerings were tight to adequate with demand mostly moderate. Floor stocks tight to balanced. Schedules varied from plant to plant. Trade sentiment steady to fully steady.

Prices in cents per dozen, delivered to breakers, 48 lb. minimum net weight per 30 dozen case, eggs from table egg layers. Packaging may vary.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	34-36	34-35
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	20-24	20-22

AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Trading levels were generally unchanged from the past week. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings of spent heavy fowl. Schedules were as desired. Finished sales were fair. Trade sentiment was about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)*
FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF
27-MAR-06

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	9-15.5 CENTS/LB.	11-13	12.29

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTHEAST LIVE HEAVY HEN Majority prices were unchanged when compared to the previous week. Demand was about fair to no better than moderate for the at least adequate offerings of spent hens. Processing schedules were noted as mostly normal. Sales of finished product was fair. The undertone was generally steady.

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FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF
27-MAR-06

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	9.5-15.25 CENTS/LB.	12-13	12.60
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

CANADIAN EGGS QUEBEC/MONTREAL: WHOLESAL E PRICES- GRADED IN CARTONS (CANADIAN DOLLARS) AS REPORTED BY AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD CANADA, AISD, AID, POULTRY SECTION FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 13, 2006

GRADEA	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	1.88	1.85	1.76	1.17

MINIMUM PRICES FOR PRODUCERS FOB FARM FOR WEEK OF MARCH 13, 2006 AS SET BY ONTARIO EGG PRODUCERS.

GRADEA	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	1.46	1.46	1.36	.77

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT- MARCH 27, 2006

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO	SO	SO	5-Area	
		Northeast	CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific
Jumbo	Curr Wk	13.0	27.2	10.2	14.2	16.3
	Change	2.4	3.4	0.1	0.6	1.2
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	37.1	60.7	14.0	32.1	47.0
	Change	11.5	6.3	0.0	0.4	-5.4
Large	Curr Wk	60.7	211.4	106.3	139.5	161.3
	Change	7.3	50.8	12.8	4.7	25.4
Medium	Curr Wk	14.4	41.4	18.4	20.0	37.0
	Change	-0.1	-8.3	-1.7	-3.4	7.3
Small	Curr Wk	7.1	8.9	2.5	5.4	7.3
	Change	1.0	-4.1	1.1	0.2	2.7
Misc	Curr Wk	2.5	24.9	8.5	11.6	5.5
	Change	0.5	1.4	-1.5	0.2	1.4
Ungraded	Curr Wk	27.1	60.6	29.2	39.2	34.3
	Change	-2.7	6.5	2.9	3.5	-1.4
Total	Curr Wk	161.9	435.1	189.1	262.0	308.7
Percent	Change	14%	15%	8%	2%	11%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
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Shell Egg	1356.8	10%	167
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	239.5	2%	35

Total Shell Egg	1596.3	9%	202
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1/ Information supplied by a universe of 167 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks.

This is a representative sample of the U.S. inventory and includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

Shell Egg Inventory Prior to Easter

	Easter Date			
	2006	2005	2004	2003
	4/16	3/27	4/11	4/20
Mar 20, 2006 4 weeks prior	1229.8	1236.2	1100.6	1162.1
Mar 27, 2006 3 weeks prior	1356.8	1298.5	1310.4	1275.9
Apr 03, 2006 2 weeks prior		1329.2	1489.3	1286.0
Apr 10, 2006 1 week prior		1075.0	1243.4	933.2
Apr 17, 2006 first Mon after		847.6	843.8	676.5

(A graph of this data in pdf format can be accessed on the AMS Poultry Market News website at:

<http://www.ams.usda.gov/poultry/mncs/stats.htm>)

Northeast- CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT
North Central - IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI
South Central - AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX
South Atlantic - AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV
Pacific- AZ, CA, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES— DAILY WTD AVERAGE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR MARCH 24, 2006

CURRENT LOADS 11.00 FUTURE LOADS 6.25 TOTAL LOADS 17.25

SE		NE		MW		LOADS	SC		NW		SW		LOADS		
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST		
GNR W 1	51.00	--	51.50	53.00	--	--	2.00	GL W MD	31.00	--	--	43.25	--	40.00	3.00
GL W J	--	--	66.50	68.00	--	--	1.00								
GL W XL	--	--	61.00	64.00	51.33	48.50	9.25								
GL W MD	--	--	--	--	31.25	--	2.00								
GL W SM	--	--	24.50	27.50	--	--	1.00								

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES— WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR MAR 20, 2006-MAR 24, 2006

CURRENT LOADS 82.50 FUTURE LOADS 82.25 TOTAL LOADS 164.75

SE		NE		MW		LOADS		SC			NW		SW		LOADS	
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST		CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST		
GNR W 1	50.80	--	51.25	53.70	--	46.00	35.00	GNR W 1	--	61.33	--	72.00	--	--	--	18.00
GNR W 2	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.00	GNR W 2	--	49.00	--	--	--	--	--	1.00
GNR BR 1	86.00	--	--	92.00	--	--	1.00	GL W J	54.67	--	--	--	--	64.22	7.75	
GL W J	--	--	66.90	68.40	50.89	--	9.50	GL W XL	46.27	--	--	--	--	56.20	7.00	
GL W XL	--	70.00	62.10	63.61	50.15	50.13	35.25	GL W LG	45.75	63.50	--	72.03	--	58.27	23.25	
GL W LG	--	66.50	--	66.20	45.32	--	25.25	GL W MD	31.00	--	--	43.25	--	40.83	9.00	
GL W MD	44.00	43.00	37.50	39.00	30.42	--	12.00	NRBS - 48	27.00	--	--	--	--	--	17.00	
GL W SM	23.50	26.50	23.50	25.88	--	--	6.00	NRBS - 36	--	20.63	--	--	--	--	4.00	
NRBS - 48	27.00	--	--	--	--	35.05	51.00									
NRBS - 45	--	--	--	--	--	33.14	8.00									
NRBS - 42	--	--	--	--	--	33.33	10.00									
NRBS - 36	--	--	--	--	13.00	--	1.00									

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED.

LOAD MOVEMENT REPRESENTS TOTAL MOVEMENT WITHIN 6 REGIONS.

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS

The market is steady. Supplies are adequate. Retail demand is fair.

CERTIFIED ORGANIC EGGS IN CARTONS

Data unavailable.

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	92.86
LARGE	90.86
MEDIUM	65.86
SMALL	48.00

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS (In Thousands)

ON HAND	03/20/06	03/13/06	03/21/05
PACIFIC COAST	79	79	335
LOS ANGELES	73	73	326

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